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SUBJECT : QATARI COMPANY 100 PER CENT TAKE OVER NEGOTIATIONS
IN SUSPENSE

1. BOTH GOVERNMENT OF QATAR AND QATAR PETROLEUM COMPANY (QPC)
SOURCES HAVE TOLD US THAT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GOQ AND QPC
ON 100 PER CENT TAKE OVER HAVE BEEN POSPONED UNTIL LATE APRIL.
TALKS WERE TO HAVE BEGUN IN LATE FEBRUARY BUT HAVE BEEN PUT OFF
BECAUSE OF OPEC SUMMIT AND PRELIMINARIES WHICH HAVE ENGAGED FULL
ATTENTION OF GOQ OIL OFFICIALS.

2. QPC REPS HAVE SPECULATED TO US THAT OPEC MAY HAVE DESIGNATED
GOQ AS STALKING HORSE FOR OTHER SMALLER PRODUCERS IN NEGOTI-
ATIONS WITH COMPANIES. THEY ACKNOWLEDGE, HOWEVER, THAT SAUDI/
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ARAMCO AGREEMENT MUCH MORE LIKELY TO SET PATTERN FOR OTHERS AND

POSTPONEMENT OF TALKS WITH GOQ MAY BE RELATED TO SAUDI/ARAMCO
AGREEMENT TIMING.
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